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**LT. GOVERNOR SKILLMAN ANNOUNCES THE SALE OF
INDIANA WINES IN TAIWAN
*Easely, Oliver Wines Now For Sale at Taipei Retailer***

TAIPEI, TAIWAN -- Today two Indiana wineries marked an international success—their wines are for sale in Taiwan. Thanks to relationships built when a Taiwanese delegation came to Indiana earlier this year, members of the Indiana food and agricultural trade mission saw wines from Easely Winery and Oliver Winery available for sale at Allen Wine and Spirits in Taipei.

“We are pleased that connections made during an event we planned for the Taiwanese Food Buyers Mission in May led to the success of seeing Hoosier wine on Taipei shelves,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman.

In May 2005, a Taiwanese Food Buyers Mission spent time in Indiana prior to the Food Marketing Institute show. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture planned an Indiana wine reception for the delegation the evening of their arrival. Two members of the delegation, Linda Lu and Jack Wu, were impressed with wines from Easley Winery and Oliver Winery and later imported two containers.

“The Indiana wine industry has grown very quickly in recent years, and it is exciting to share our Hoosier wines with those in other parts of the world,” said Don Hollinger of Oliver Winery.

“We call the wine now available in Taipei our ‘hello’ wine, so we want to thank Mr. Wu and Ms. Lu for having the courage to say hello to Indiana wine and sharing it with the people of Taiwan,” said Meredith Easley of Easley Winery.

“We enjoy wine during special occasions, and these wines are good choices to introduce the Taiwanese people to Indiana wines,” said Jack Wu, managing director of Bright Time Enterprise Co.

This is the second day of a weeklong agricultural trade mission to Taiwan and Vietnam led by Lt. Governor Skillman. The Lt. Governor is accompanied by delegates from Indiana’s grain and feed, meats, hardwood, wine and organic industries, as well as the academic and business communities. State legislators and other government officials are also in attendance.

During the trade mission, Lt. Governor Skillman and the delegation will provide a daily blog and post photos on the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Web site. The blog can be found at: www.in.gov/isda/foodag_mission. Pictures from today's events can also be found on the website.

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